

Type II origin of dyonic gaugings

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Abstract

Dyonic gaugings of four-dimensional supergravity typically exhibit a richer vacuum structure compared to their purely electric counterparts, but their higher-dimensional origin often remains more mysterious. We consider a class of dyonic gaugings with gauge groups of the type $(\mathrm{SO}(p, q) \times \mathrm{SO}(p', q')) \ltimes N$ with N nilpotent. Using generalized Scherk-Schwarz reductions of exceptional field theory, we show how these four-dimensional gaugings may be consistently embedded in Type II supergravity upon compactification around products of spheres and hyperboloids. As an application, we give the explicit uplift of the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum of the theory with gauge group $(\mathrm{SO}(6) \times \mathrm{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ into a supersymmetric $\mathrm{AdS}_4 \times M_5 \times S^1$ S-fold solution of IIB supergravity. The internal space M_5 is a squashed S^5 preserving an $\mathrm{SO}(4) \subset \mathrm{SO}(6)$ subset of its isometries.

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1 Introduction

Ungauged supergravities in four space-time dimensions are defined up to a choice of the electric-magnetic symplectic frame. Different frames yield physically equivalent ungauged models, though described by inequivalent Lagrangians. Things change when the theory is gauged, namely when a suitable global symmetry group of the ungauged Lagrangian is promoted to local symmetry through the so-called gauging procedure. In the presence of extended supersymmetry, only gauged supergravities, as opposed to their ungauged counterparts, can have a scalar potential, and thus a non-trivial vacuum structure. When constructing these models through the gauging procedure, the initial choice of the symplectic frame becomes physically relevant. This freedom can be taken into account by allowing, in a fixed symplectic frame, for magnetic components of the embedding tensor defining the gauge algebra, namely by considering *dyonic gaugings*.¹ Different initial frames will in general yield different choices of the gauge group and even gauging a same group in different frames may yield physically distinct theories.

¹All the gaugings we consider, including ‘dyonic’ ones, satisfy locality constraints. Namely, there always exists a choice of symplectic frame in which the gauging is entirely electric.

This feature was first exploited in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ supergravity [1]. In the maximal theory the freedom in the initial choice of symplectic frame led to the discovery of new gaugings in [2, 3, 4, 5] and, more recently, in [6, 7, 8, 9]. In [7, 8], in particular, one-parameter families of dyonic $\text{SO}(p, q)$ -gaugings were found in $\mathcal{N} = 8$, $D = 4$ supergravity, generalizing their well known electric counterparts [10, 11]. These new models were constructed by gauging the same $\text{SO}(p, q)$ group in different frames, the choice of which is parametrized by a continuous angular parameter ω . They are known as ω -deformed models, where the value $\omega = 0$ corresponds to the original electric gaugings of [10, 11]. The parameter ω is physical in that its value can not be offset by field redefinitions or the action of the global symmetry group G of the ungauged theory, and does affect the physics of the model.

A different class of dyonic models, originally devised in [6], are based on non-semisimple groups of the form

$$(\text{SO}(p, q) \times \text{SO}(p', q')) \ltimes N, \quad (1.1)$$

with $p + q + p' + q' \leq 8$ and N a nilpotent group whose properties are described later. These gauge groups can be defined as different contractions of the semisimple group $\text{SO}(p+p', 8-p-p')$, generalizing the $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ -gaugings of [11]. They are characterized by a $\text{CSO}(p, q, 8-p-q)$ subgroup gauged by the electric vector fields and a $\text{CSO}(p', q', 8-p'-q')$ gauged by the magnetic ones, with a subset of the nilpotent generators gauged by a combination of the two fields. As opposed to the ω -deformed $\text{SO}(p, q)$ -models, the corresponding gauged theories, also known also as *dyonic* $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ models, do not depend on a continuous parameter aside from an overall coupling constant. The only exceptions are the $\text{SO}(4)^2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{16}$ gaugings and their non-compact forms, which have a one-parameter family of deformations corresponding to the ratio of gauge couplings for the two semisimple factors [9].

Dyonic gaugings feature a richer vacuum structure than their original electric counterparts. Of particular interest, for their application to the AdS/CFT correspondence, are the anti-de Sitter vacua. In order to understand the general features of the dual three-dimensional CFT, however, a UV completion of the model within superstring or M-theory is called for. The original $\text{SO}(8)$ -gauged maximal supergravity of [10] features a maximally supersymmetric AdS vacuum and describes a consistent truncation of eleven-dimensional supergravity compactified on a seven-sphere [12]. The CFT dual to the maximally supersymmetric vacuum of the theory is the ABJM model [13]. The electric $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ -gaugings, on the other hand, describe consistent truncations of eleven-dimensional theories on backgrounds in which the internal manifold has the form $H^{p,q} \times \mathbb{R}^r$, $H^{p,q}$ being a hyperboloid [14, 15]. As for the dyonic gaugings, while the ten or eleven-dimensional origin of the ω -deformed $\text{SO}(p, q)$ -models is as yet elusive [16, 17], some progress has been made for the dyonic $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ -supergravities: Recently the dyonic $\text{ISO}(7)$ -model was interpreted as a consistent truncation of massive Type IIA string theory [18] on a background with topol-

ogy of the form $AdS_4 \times S^6$ [19, 20, 21]. In the present work we make further progress in this direction by defining a ten-dimensional origin for all the remaining dyonic $CSO(p, q, r)$ -models. Of special interest is the dyonic-model with gauge group $(SO(6) \times SO(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$, which features a characteristic $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS vacuum [22] of which we give a ten-dimensional description in the Type IIB theory.

Exceptional field theory (ExFT) [23, 24, 15] has proven to be a valuable framework to study the higher-dimensional origin of D -dimensional maximal gauged theories. It provides a formulation of maximal supergravities, including the eleven and the ten-dimensional ones, which is manifestly covariant with respect to the on-shell global symmetry group of the D -dimensional model. In our analysis we are interested in uplifting four-dimensional maximal gauged supergravities [5] so we choose to work in the $D = 4$ formulation of ExFT in which the manifest duality symmetry is the $E_{7(7)}$ on-shell invariance of the Cremmer-Julia ungauged four-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 8$ theory [25]. In this framework the fields of the $D = 4$, $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity are described as formally depending, in addition to the four space-time coordinates x^μ , on 56 coordinates Y^M in the fundamental representation of $E_{7(7)}$. This dependence is strongly restricted by the so-called *section-constraints* [26, 27]. Solutions to these constraints describe the eleven and ten-dimensional massless maximal supergravities written in terms of $D = 4$ fields, which only depend of specific sets of seven and six internal coordinates, respectively. In [28] a deformed version of ExFT was defined in order to describe the massive Type IIA theory and its consistent truncations to $D = 4$.²

The embedding of a gauged four-dimensional model in the eleven or ten-dimensional theories is effected through a suitable Scherk-Schwarz ansatz [15] in which the ExFT fields depend on the internal coordinates through an $E_{7(7)}$ -valued *twist matrix* $U_M{}^N(Y)$. This matrix encodes the higher dimensional fields as well as the fluxes on a certain background around which the four-dimensional fields ought to describe fluctuations. For instance the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz for the scalar fields of the ExFT is written in terms of the characteristic symmetric symplectic $E_{7(7)}$ -matrix $\mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y)$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y) = U_M{}^K(Y) U_N{}^L(Y) M_{KL}(x) , \quad (1.2)$$

where $M_{KL}(x)$ describes $D = 4$ scalar fluctuations about the higher-dimensional background whose fields (metric, form-fields and fluxes) are encoded in the matrix $U_M{}^N(Y)$. If certain conditions on the twist matrix are satisfied, the dependence of the fields on the internal coordinates through $U(Y)$ factors out in the ExFT field equations, yielding the field equations of gauged four-dimensional model in the x^μ -dependent fields. The corresponding embedding tensor is encoded in $U_M{}^N(Y)$. The section constraints restrict the Y -dependence of this

²See [29] and [30] for corresponding results in the contexts of Double Field Theory and Exceptional Generalized Geometry, respectively.

matrix and thus the possible gauged models which can be described as consistent truncations of the ten or eleven dimensional theories.

In the present paper the embedding of the dyonic $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ -gaugings, with $p + q \geq 2, r \geq 2$, in the Type II theories is effected by writing the twist matrix $U(Y)$ as the product of two commuting matrices $\hat{U}(y^i)$ and $\mathring{U}(\tilde{y}_a)$;

$$U(y^i, \tilde{y}_a) = \hat{U}(y^i) \mathring{U}(\tilde{y}_a), \quad i = 1, \dots, p + q - 1, \quad a = p + q, \dots, 6, \quad (1.3)$$

These two matrices separately define the electric $\mathfrak{cso}(p, q, r)$ and the magnetic $\mathfrak{cso}(p', q', r')$ subalgebras and the corresponding sets of coordinates $\{y^i\}$ and $\{\tilde{y}_a\}$ are chosen within distinct $\text{SL}(8)$ representations satisfying a suitable condition of mutual compatibility. The total twist matrix satisfies the section constraints so that the corresponding dyonic models can be embedded either in Type IIA ($p + q$ odd) or in Type IIB ($p + q$ even) theories.

The dyonic model with $p = 6, q = 0, p' = q' = 1$ mentioned earlier corresponds to a gauge group of the form $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$. It can be obtained from a step-wise compactification of the Type IIB theory as follows. A first compactification of Type IIB on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ yields five-dimensional supergravity with gauge group $\text{SO}(6)$ [31, 32, 33]. This model still features the $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ duality symmetry of the Type IIB theory, commuting with $\text{SO}(6)$. As a last step one can perform a Scherk-Schwarz reduction down to $D = 4$, choosing a twist matrix valued in an $\text{SO}(1, 1)$ subgroup of $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. The resulting model supports the above mentioned AdS_4 vacuum (however not at the scalar origin) preserving $\mathcal{N} = 4$ supersymmetries of which we give a Type IIB description. Its geometry is an $\text{AdS}_4 \times M_5 \times S^1$ S-fold with the internal space M_5 given by a deformation of the round sphere S^5 preserving an $\text{SO}(3) \times \text{SO}(3) \subset \text{SO}(6)$ subset of its isometries.

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2.1 we recall the main facts about the dyonic $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ gaugings. Section 2.2 gives a brief review of the relevant ExFT. In Sections 2.3 and 2.4 the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz defining the Type II embedding of the dyonic $\text{CSO}(p, q, r)$ gaugings are discussed in detail. Finally, in Section 3 we focus on the $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauged maximal supergravity and work out, using the general ExFT description of Type IIB theory and the corresponding Scherk-Schwarz ansatz, its uplift into the IIB theory. In particular, we give the uplift of the four-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS vacuum into a IIB S-fold solution. We end with some concluding remarks.

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2.1 Dyonic gaugings

Gaugings of maximal $D = 4$ supergravity are conveniently described by the embedding tensor formalism [34, 35, 3, 36, 5] (for reviews see [37, 38]).

All the information about the gauge couplings of the theory is encoded into a tensor $X_{MN}{}^P$ transforming in the **912** representation of $E_{7(7)}$, where indices M, N, \dots correspond to the **56** representation. In an appropriate symplectic frame an $SL(8)$ subgroup of $E_{7(7)}$ acts separately on electric and magnetic vectors. We are interested in non-semisimple gauge groups contained in $SL(8, \mathbb{R})$ of the form

$$(SO(p, q) \times SO(p', q')) \ltimes N, \quad (2.1)$$

with N a nilpotent factor which becomes abelian when $p + q + p' + q' = 8$ [6] (see also [38] for a review). Its generators in the fundamental of $SL(8)$ are triangular matrices with non-vanishing entries either in the first $p + q$ rows and last $8 - p - q$ columns, or in the first $8 - p' - q'$ columns and last $p' + q'$ rows (the intersection of the two sets is abelian). This class of gaugings is described by two symmetric matrices $\eta_{AB}, \tilde{\eta}^{AB}$ corresponding to the **36'** and **36** irreps in the decomposition of the **912** under $SL(8)$, with A, B, \dots fundamental $SL(8)$ indices. Up to $SL(8)$ transformations we can write³

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{AB} &= \text{diag}(\overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^p, \overbrace{-1, \dots, -1}^q, 0, \dots, 0), \\ \tilde{\eta}^{AB} &\propto \text{diag}(0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{p'}, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{q'}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

such that $\eta_{AC}\tilde{\eta}^{CB} = 0$ in order to solve the embedding tensor quadratic constraints [6]. The embedding tensor then takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} X_{AB,CD}{}^{EF} &= \eta_{A[C}\delta_{D]B}{}^{EF} - \eta_{B[C}\delta_{D]A}{}^{EF}, \\ X^{AB}{}_{CD}{}^{EF} &= -\tilde{\eta}^{A[E}\delta_{CD}{}^{F]B} + \tilde{\eta}^{B[E}\delta_{CD}{}^{F]A}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where **56** $E_{7(7)}$ indices M, N, \dots are decomposed into the **28'** + **28** of $SL(8, \mathbb{R})$, described by upper and lower antisymmetrized pairs of **8** indices.

Most of these gauged models are entirely specified by their gauge group embedded in $SL(8)$, with a few notable exceptions [9]. When $p + q = 7$ we find $ISO(p, q)$ gaugings. In this case the gauge group is entirely specified by η_{AB} and $\tilde{\eta}^{AB}$ only affects the gauge connection of the \mathbb{R}^7 subgroup. A non-vanishing $\tilde{\eta}^{AB}$ is identified with the Romans mass in a IIA uplift of the gauging [19, 20, 21]. Moreover, when $p + q = p' + q' = 4$ the relative overall normalization of $\tilde{\eta}^{AB}$ with respect to η_{AB} cannot be reabsorbed in any $E_{7(7)}$ transformation and thus determines a one-parameter family of inequivalent gaugings sharing the same gauge group.

³If we take instead η_{AB} invertible and $\tilde{\eta}^{AB} \propto (\eta_{AB})^{-1}$, the resulting gaugings are the families of ω -deformed $SO(p, q)$ gauged maximal supergravities [7].

Several of the dyonic CSO(p, q, r) models exhibit interesting vacua. Maximally symmetric vacuum solutions of the resulting gauged maximal supergravities are determined by extrema of the scalar potential [5]

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{672} M(\phi)^{MP} (X_{MN}{}^R X_{PQ}{}^S M(\phi)^{NQ} M(\phi)_{RS} + 7 X_{MN}{}^Q X_{PQ}{}^N) , \quad (2.4)$$

where $M(\phi)_{MN}$ is a symmetric matrix parameterizing the $E_{7(7)}/SU(8)$ non-linear sigma model of the scalar fields, and $M(\phi)^{MN}$ is its inverse. The deformed ISO(7) gauging (i.e. with $\tilde{\eta} \neq 0$) has several supersymmetric and non-supersymmetric AdS_4 solutions [6, 39, 22]. The $(SO(4) \times SO(2, 2)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauging for $c = 1$ and the $(SO(2) \times SO(2)) \ltimes N_{20}$ model are part of a large class of theories exhibiting Minkowski vacua connected through singular limits in their moduli spaces [40]. In this paper we will focus in particular on the $(SO(6) \times SO(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauging which is known to have an $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum [22], in addition to other unstable AdS_4 solutions [6].

2.2 Scherk-Schwarz reduction in exceptional field theory

Exceptional field theories are the manifestly duality covariant reformulations of maximal supergravities. Since our goal is a higher-dimensional embedding of four-dimensional maximal supergravities, which are obtained as gaugings [5] of the $E_{7(7)}$ -invariant Cremmer-Julia theory [25], the proper framework for their higher-dimensional embedding is the $E_{7(7)}$ -covariant exceptional field theory constructed in [24]. This exceptional field theory is formulated in terms of the fields of $D = 4$, $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity which in addition to the 4 external coordinates x^μ formally depend on 56 internal coordinates Y^M forming the fundamental representation of $E_{7(7)}$. The latter dependence is however severely restricted by the section constraints [26, 27]

$$\Omega^{MK}(t_\alpha)_K{}^N \partial_M \partial_N A = 0 , \quad \Omega^{MK}(t_\alpha)_K{}^N \partial_M A \partial_N B = 0 , \quad \Omega^{MN} \partial_M A \partial_N B = 0 . \quad (2.5)$$

Here $(t_\alpha)^{MN}$ and Ω^{MN} denote the $E_{7(7)}$ generators and the symplectic invariant antisymmetric matrix, respectively. The section constraints (2.5) admit two inequivalent solutions restricting the internal coordinate dependence to a subset of coordinates, identified upon breaking $E_{7(7)}$ down to $G_{IIA} = GL(6)$ and $G_{IIB} = GL(6) \times SL(2)$, respectively

$$\begin{aligned} 11D/IIA : \mathbf{56} &\longrightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{6}'_{-4} + \mathbf{1}_{-3}} + \mathbf{6}_{-2} + \mathbf{15}_{-1} + \mathbf{15}'_{+1} + \mathbf{6}'_{+2} + \mathbf{1}_{+3} + \mathbf{6}_{+4} , \\ IIB : \mathbf{56} &\longrightarrow \boxed{(\mathbf{6}', \mathbf{1})_{-4}} + (\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{2})_{-2} + (\mathbf{20}, \mathbf{1})_0 + (\mathbf{6}', \mathbf{2})_{+2} + (\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{1})_{+4} . \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

The former solution allows for the dependence of all fields on $6 + 1$ coordinates, upon which the field equations of exceptional field theory reduce to those of $D = 11$ supergravity. In

the latter solution, fields depend on a maximal set of 6 coordinates which are singlet under the $\text{SL}(2) \subset \text{G}_{\text{IIB}}$. The resulting field equations thus exhibit a global $\text{SL}(2)$ symmetry and coincide with the equations of IIB supergravity. The decomposition (2.6) shows that G_{IIA} and G_{IIB} intersect on a common $\text{GL}(5)$.

For the details of the $\text{E}_{7(7)}$ exceptional field theory, in particular its Lagrangian and field equations, we refer to [24, 41]. Here we just review its bosonic field content

$$\{g_{\mu\nu}, \mathcal{M}_{MN}, \mathcal{A}_\mu^M, \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha}, \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu M}\}, \quad (2.7)$$

drawing on the field content of $D = 4$ maximal supergravity. The matrices $g_{\mu\nu}$ and \mathcal{M}_{MN} represent the external and internal metric, respectively, with the latter parametrizing the $\text{E}_{7(7)}/\text{SU}(8)$ coset space. The vectors \mathcal{A}_μ^M and two-forms $\{\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha}, \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu M}\}$ transform in the **56** and **133** \oplus **56** of $\text{E}_{7(7)}$, respectively. In order to establish the equivalence with IIA/IIB supergravity after solving the section constraint, the fields (2.7) are decomposed w.r.t. the relevant $\text{G}_{\text{IIA}, \text{IIB}}$ defining (2.6). E.g. the scalar matrix \mathcal{M}_{MN} is parametrized as $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}^T$ in terms of the group-valued vielbein \mathcal{V} , parametrized in the triangular gauge associated with the $\text{GL}(1) \subset \text{G}_{\text{IIA}, \text{IIB}}$ grading according to [42]. In IIB parametrization this takes the form of an expansion

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{IIB}} \equiv \exp[b_\alpha t_{(+3)}^\alpha] \exp[\epsilon^{klmnpq} c_{klmn} t_{(+2)pq}] \exp[b_{mn}{}^\alpha t_{(+1)\alpha}^{mn}] \mathcal{V}_6 \mathcal{V}_2 \exp[\phi t_{(0)}^{\text{IIB}}], \quad (2.8)$$

in which one recognizes the various IIB fields.⁴ A similar expansion holds for the IIA parametrization. The precise dictionary between the ExFT formulation and IIA/IIB supergravity further requires redefinitions of all the form fields originating from the higher-dimensional p -forms in the usual Kaluza-Klein manner, as well as a series of dualization and non-linear field redefinitions, c.f. [43, 24].

Consistent truncations in exceptional field theory are conveniently constructed via a generalized Scherk-Schwarz reduction by the ansatz [15]

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu}(x, Y) &= \rho^{-2}(Y) g_{\mu\nu}(x), \\ \mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y) &= U_M^K(Y) U_N^L(Y) M_{KL}(x), \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu^M(x, Y) &= \rho^{-1}(Y) A_\mu^N(x) (U^{-1})_N^M(Y), \\ \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha}(x, Y) &= \rho^{-2}(Y) U_\alpha^\beta(Y) B_{\mu\nu\beta}(x), \\ \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu M}(x, Y) &= -2 \rho^{-2}(Y) (U^{-1})_S^P(Y) \partial_M U_P^R(Y) (t^\alpha)_R^S B_{\mu\nu\alpha}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for the bosonic fields (2.7). The dependence on the internal coordinates is carried by an $\text{E}_{7(7)}$ -valued twist matrix U_M^N and a scale factor $\rho(Y)$, satisfying the first order differential

⁴Depending on the context, indices α, β, \dots represent either the $\text{E}_{7(7)}$ adjoint representation or the $\text{SL}(2)$ fundamental. This should cause no confusion.

equations [44]

$$\begin{aligned} [(U^{-1})_M{}^P (U^{-1})_N{}^Q \partial_P U_Q{}^K]_{\mathbf{912}} &\stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{7} \rho \Theta_M{}^\alpha (t_\alpha)_N{}^K , \\ \partial_N (U^{-1})_M{}^N - 3 \rho^{-1} \partial_N \rho (U^{-1})_M{}^N &\stackrel{!}{=} 2 \rho \vartheta_M , \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

with constant tensors $\Theta_M{}^\alpha$ and ϑ_M . The latter can be identified with the irreducible components of the embedding tensor of the four-dimensional gauged supergravity [5] to which the theory reduces after the generalized Scherk-Schwarz ansatz. In particular, the notation $[\cdot]_{\mathbf{912}}$ refers to projection onto the irreducible **912** representation of $E_{7(7)}$.

Every solution to the system (2.10) defines a consistent truncation of exceptional field theory down to a four-dimensional gauged supergravity with all Y -dependence consistently factoring out from the field equations. If the matrix $U_M{}^N$ and the scale factor $\rho(Y)$ satisfy the section constraint (2.5), the dictionary with IIA/IIB supergravity provides the explicit formulas for a geometrical uplift of the resulting four-dimensional gauging into Type II supergravity. In this paper, we will construct the twist matrices $U_M{}^N$ that define the geometrical uplift of the dyonic gaugings defined above.

2.3 Scherk-Schwarz twist matrices for dyonic gaugings

The solutions to the consistency equations (2.10) constructed in [15] give rise to the embedding tensors associated with the gaugings of $SO(p, q)$ and $CSO(p, q, r)$ and provide a geometrical uplift of these theories via the compactification on spheres and hyperboloids. To this end, the 56 internal coordinates are decomposed in the $SL(8)$ frame

$$\{Y^M\} = \{Y^{[AB]}, Y_{[AB]}\} , \quad A, B = 1, \dots, 8 , \quad (2.11)$$

into what we will refer to as ‘electric’ and ‘magnetic’ coordinates. In [15], the physical coordinates are identified among the electric $Y^{[AB]}$ as $y^i \equiv Y^{[i8]}$, corresponding to the $D = 11$ solution (2.6) of the section constraint. In the $SL(8)$ frame (2.11), the latter takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{AC} \otimes \partial^{BC} + \partial^{BC} \otimes \partial_{AC} &= \frac{1}{8} \delta_A^B (\partial_{CD} \otimes \partial^{CD} + \partial^{CD} \otimes \partial_{CD}) , \\ \partial_{[AB} \otimes \partial_{CD]} &= \frac{1}{24} \varepsilon_{ABCDEFGH} \partial^{EF} \otimes \partial^{GH} . \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

The twist matrices $U_A{}^B(y^i)$ associated to sphere and hyperboloid compactifications can then be constructed within the subgroup $SL(8) \subset E_{7(7)}$.

Here, we will generalize this result to twist matrices $U \subset SL(8)$ which depend on more general subsets of coordinates (still satisfying the section constraint) and take the form of

products of the solutions found in [15]. More precisely, let us consider a twist matrix of the type

$$\begin{aligned} U(y^i, \tilde{y}_a) &\equiv \mathring{U}(\tilde{y}_a) \hat{U}(y^i) , \\ \rho(y^i, \tilde{y}_a) &= \mathring{\rho}(\tilde{y}_a) \hat{\rho}(y^i) , \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where \mathring{U} and \hat{U} separately solve the Scherk-Schwarz consistency equations, with embedding tensors denoted by $\mathring{X}_{MN}{}^K$ and $\hat{X}_{MN}{}^K$, respectively. We also assume that $\hat{\vartheta} = \mathring{\vartheta} = 0$. With this ansatz, the first of the consistency equations (2.10) for U reduce to

$$\mathring{\rho}^{-1} \left[\left(\hat{U}^{-1} \mathring{U}^{-1} \hat{U} \right)_{M^N} \hat{\mathcal{X}}_{NP}{}^Q \right]_{\mathbf{912}} + \hat{\rho}^{-1} \hat{U} \left[\mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q \right] \equiv \text{const} \equiv X_{MP}{}^Q . \quad (2.14)$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{X}}_{MN}{}^K$ denotes the unprojected current

$$\hat{\mathcal{X}}_{MN}{}^K \equiv \hat{\rho}^{-1} (\hat{U}^{-1})_{M^P} (\hat{U}^{-1})_{N^Q} \partial_P \hat{U}_Q{}^K \quad (2.15)$$

(such that $[\hat{\mathcal{X}}_{MN}{}^K]_{\mathbf{912}} = \hat{X}_{MN}{}^K$), and

$$\hat{U} \left[\mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q \right] \equiv (\hat{U}^{-1})_{M^{M'}} (\hat{U}^{-1})_{N^{N'}} \hat{U}_{K'}{}^K \mathring{X}_{M'N'}{}^{K'} , \quad (2.16)$$

denotes the $E_{7(7)}$ -action of \hat{U} on the embedding tensor $\mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q$. Let us further assume that the variables y^i and \tilde{y}_a are mutually compatible in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\mathring{\rho}^{-1} (\mathring{U}^{-1})_{M^N} \partial_N \right) \Big|_{y^i} &= \partial_M \Big|_{y^i} , \\ \left(\hat{\rho}^{-1} (\hat{U}^{-1})_{M^N} \partial_N \right) \Big|_{\tilde{y}_a} &= \partial_M \Big|_{\tilde{y}_a} , \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

i.e. that we have equality of the action of these differential operators on the coordinates y^i and \tilde{y}_a , respectively. With this assumption, the l.h.s. of equation (2.14) reduces to

$$\hat{X}_{MP}{}^Q + \hat{\rho}^{-1} \hat{U} \left[\mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q \right] = \hat{X}_{MP}{}^Q + \mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q , \quad (2.18)$$

such that equation (2.14) is automatically satisfied with the resulting embedding tensor given by

$$X_{MP}{}^Q = \hat{X}_{MP}{}^Q + \mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q . \quad (2.19)$$

We can introduce a relative coupling constant between $\hat{X}_{MP}{}^Q$ and $\mathring{X}_{MP}{}^Q$ by rescaling of the \tilde{y}_a vs. the y^i coordinates. This allows us to capture the continuous deformation parameter of the $SO(4)^2 \ltimes T^{16}$ gaugings and of their non-compact forms. Finally, the second equation of (2.10) turns into

$$(\mathring{U}^{-1})_K{}^N \partial_N (\hat{U}^{-1})_M{}^K + (\hat{U}^{-1})_M{}^K \partial_N (\mathring{U}^{-1})_K{}^N = 3 \mathring{\rho}^{-1} (\hat{U}^{-1} \mathring{U}^{-1})_M{}^N \partial_N \mathring{\rho} , \quad (2.20)$$

which together with (2.17) and the respective equations for $\hat{\rho}$ and $\mathring{\rho}$ turns into an identity.

In the following we will consider the product ansatz (2.13) with matrices \hat{U} and \mathring{U}^{-1} chosen among the solutions from [15], corresponding to gauge groups $\text{SO}(p, q)$ and $\text{SO}(p', q')$, respectively. In order to satisfy the compatibility constraints (2.17) together with the section constraints (2.12), we will choose the coordinates y^i among the electric and the \tilde{y}_a among the magnetic coordinates from (2.11). More precisely, we define coordinates $\{y^i, \tilde{y}_a\}$

$$y^i \equiv Y^{i8} , \quad \tilde{y}_a \equiv Y_{a7} , \quad i = 1, \dots, p+q-1 ; \quad a = p+q, \dots, 6 , \quad (2.21)$$

which provide a solution to the section constraints (2.12). Moreover, the associated $\text{SL}(8)$ matrices \hat{U} and \mathring{U} commute, satisfy the compatibility equations (2.17), and give rise to the product (2.13)

$$(U^{-1})_A{}^B = (\mathring{\rho}\hat{\rho}^{-1})^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{V}_i{}^j & 0 & 0 & \hat{\rho}^2 \hat{V}_i{}^0 \\ 0 & \hat{W}_a{}^b & \mathring{\rho}^{-2} \hat{W}_a{}^0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathring{\rho}^{-2} \hat{W}_0{}^a & \mathring{\rho}^{-4} (1 + \mathring{u} \hat{K}(\mathring{u}, \mathring{v})) & 0 \\ \hat{\rho}^2 \hat{V}_0{}^j & 0 & 0 & \hat{\rho}^4 \end{pmatrix} , \quad (2.22)$$

which we present in the $\text{SL}(8)$ basis $\{A\} \rightarrow \{i, a, 7, 8\}$. The various blocks are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}_0{}^i &\equiv \eta_{ij} y^j \hat{K}(\hat{u}, \hat{v}) , & \hat{V}_i{}^0 &\equiv \eta_{ij} y^j , & \hat{V}_i{}^j &\equiv \delta^{ij} + \eta_{ik} \eta_{jl} y^k y^l \hat{K}(\hat{u}, \hat{v}) , \\ \mathring{W}_0{}^a &\equiv -\eta^{ab} \tilde{y}_b , & \mathring{W}_a{}^0 &\equiv -\eta^{ab} \tilde{y}_b \mathring{K}(\mathring{u}, \mathring{v}) , & \mathring{W}_a{}^b &\equiv \delta^{ab} , \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

with η_{ij} and η^{ab} defining the signatures of $\text{SO}(p-1, q)$ and $\text{SO}(p'-1, q')$, respectively, and the functions $\hat{\rho}$, $\mathring{\rho}$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho} &= (1 - \hat{v})^{1/4} \equiv (1 - y^i \eta_{ij} y^j)^{1/4} , \\ \mathring{\rho} &= (1 - \mathring{v})^{1/4} \equiv (1 - \tilde{y}_a \eta^{ab} \tilde{y}_b)^{1/4} . \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

The functions $\hat{K}(\hat{u}, \hat{v})$ and $\mathring{K}(\mathring{u}, \mathring{v})$ are determined by first order differential equations and given explicitly in [15]. One may check explicitly that the matrix (2.22) solves the consistency equations (2.10) and gives rise to the embedding tensor (2.3) of the dyonic gaugings. We stress that it is crucial for the consistency of the construction that the coordinates y^i and \tilde{y}_a are chosen within distinct $\text{SL}(8)$ representations in (2.11), i.e. the y^i and the \tilde{y}_a are embedded in the electric and magnetic coordinates, respectively.

2.4 Type II origin

In the previous section, we have constructed the Scherk-Schwarz twist matrices that give rise to the embedding tensor of dyonic gaugings. Since we have identified the coordinates $\{y^i, \tilde{y}_a\}$

on which these matrices depend directly in the $SL(8)$ frame (2.11), it is not immediately obvious if these coordinates in the $GL(6)$ bases (2.6) correspond to a IIA or IIB solution of the section constraints. We will determine their precise higher-dimensional origin case by case according to the value of $p + q$.

$p+q=6$: In this case, the coordinates (2.21) are given by $\{Y^{18}, Y^{28}, Y^{38}, Y^{48}, Y^{58}, Y_{67}\}$. Comparing this set to the section constraint (2.12), it follows that fields can depend on none of the other 50 internal coordinates without violating the section constraint. We conclude that exceptional field theory on this set of coordinates is equivalent to IB supergravity. More specifically, we can identify the $SL(2)_{\text{IIB}}$ under which these coordinates are singlets as the subgroup of $SL(8)$ whose generators are given by

$$SL(2)_{\text{IIB}} = \langle T_6^7, T_7^6, T_7^7 - T_6^6 \rangle, \quad (2.25)$$

where $E_{7(7)}$ generators are defined in appendix B. The $GL(1)_{\text{IIB}} \subset G_{\text{IIB}}$ which provides the geometric grading of coordinates (2.6) and fields is generated by

$$GL(1)_{\text{IIB}} = \left\langle T_8^8 - \frac{1}{2} (T_6^6 + T_7^7) \right\rangle. \quad (2.26)$$

Indeed, evaluating the charges of the various coordinates under this $GL(1)_{\text{IIB}}$, we find

$$\{Y^{i8}, Y_{67}\} : -4, \quad \{Y^{a8}, Y_{ia}\} : -2, \quad \{Y^{ij}, Y_{ij}\} : 0, \quad \dots, \quad (2.27)$$

thus reproducing the IIB charges of (2.6).

$p+q=5$: In this case, the coordinates (2.21) are given by $\{Y^{18}, Y^{28}, Y^{38}, Y^{48}, Y_{57}, Y_{67}\}$. It is straightforward to verify that they can be extended by a seventh coordinate Y_{56} still satisfying the section constraints (2.11). The resulting theory thus is Type IIA supergravity (with possible $D = 11$ embedding). The $GL(1)_{\text{IIA}}$ which provides the geometric grading of coordinates (2.6) and fields is generated by

$$GL(1)_{\text{IIA}} = \left\langle \frac{3}{4} (T_8^8 - T_7^7) - \frac{1}{2} (T_5^5 + T_6^6) \right\rangle, \quad (2.28)$$

giving rise to the charges

$$\{Y^{i8}, Y_{a7}\} : -4, \quad \{Y^{ab}\} : -3, \quad \{Y^{a8}, Y_{i7}\} : -2, \quad \{Y^{ij}, Y^{78}, Y_{ia}\} : -1 \quad \dots, \quad (2.29)$$

for the coordinates, in accordance with (2.6).

$p+q=4$: In this case, the coordinates (2.21) are given by $\{Y^{18}, Y^{28}, Y^{38}, Y_{47}, Y_{57}, Y_{67}\}$. As for $p+q=6$, it is straightforward to see that these coordinates cannot be extended by any of the other 50 internal coordinates without violating the section constraint. Again, the resulting theory thus is IIB. The $\text{SL}(2)_{\text{IIB}}$ under which these coordinates are singlets is not entirely contained in $\text{SL}(8)$ but has generators given by

$$\text{SL}(2)_{\text{IIB}} = \langle (T_8^8 + T_4^4 + T_5^5 + T_6^6), T_{4568}, T_{1237} \rangle, \quad (2.30)$$

the latter two of which sit in the $\mathbf{70} = \mathfrak{e}_{7(7)} \setminus \mathfrak{sl}(8)$. The $\text{GL}(1)_{\text{IIB}}$ which provides the geometric grading of coordinates (2.6) and fields is generated by

$$\text{GL}(1)_{\text{IIB}} = \left\langle \frac{3}{4} (T_8^8 - T_7^7) + \frac{1}{4} (T_1^1 + T_2^2 + T_3^3 - T_4^4 - T_5^5 - T_6^6) \right\rangle, \quad (2.31)$$

giving charges

$$\{Y^{i8}, Y^{a7}\} : -4, \quad \{Y^{a8}, Y^{ij}, Y_{i7}, Y_{ab}\} : -2, \quad \{Y^{ia}, Y^{78}, Y_{78}, Y_{ia}\} : 0, \quad \dots, \quad (2.32)$$

for the coordinates, in accordance with (2.6).

$p+q=3$: In this case, the coordinates are given by $\{Y^{18}, Y^{28}, Y_{37}, Y_{47}, Y_{57}, Y_{67}\}$. Upon flipping $Y^{AB} \leftrightarrow Y_{AB}$, this choice maps into the case of $p+q=5$ above, it thus corresponds to a IIA embedding of the theory.

$p+q=2$: In this case, the coordinates are given by $\{Y^{18}, Y_{27}, Y_{37}, Y_{47}, Y_{57}, Y_{67}\}$. Upon flipping $Y^{AB} \leftrightarrow Y_{AB}$, this choice maps into the case of $p+q=6$ above, it thus corresponds to a IIB embedding of the theory.

3 Uplift of the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum

3.1 $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum in $D = 4$ supergravity

The $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes \text{T}^{12}$ gauged maximal supergravity admits an $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum preserving $\text{SO}(4)$ gauge symmetry [22]. This solution is part of a one-parameter family of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS vacua belonging to inequivalent gauged maximal supergravities but exhibiting similar physical properties. The other elements of this family of solutions are vacua of the ω -deformed $\text{SO}(7, 1)$ gauged supergravities, whose higher-dimensional origin is unknown. However, at a singular point in the parameter space of the family the gauging degenerates into $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes \text{T}^{12}$, for which we can now provide an uplift to Type IIB supergravity.

Using (2.22) for $p = 6$, $q = 0$ and $p' = q' = 1$, the Scherk–Schwarz ansatz (2.9) describes the consistent truncation of Type IIB supergravity to $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1,1)) \ltimes \text{T}^{12}$ gauged maximal $D = 4$ supergravity described by the embedding tensor (2.3) with

$$\eta_{AB} = \text{diag}(-1, \dots, -1, 0, 0, -1), \quad \tilde{\eta}^{AB} = \text{diag}(0, \dots, 0, -1, 1, 0). \quad (3.1)$$

In order to uplift the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 solution of [22] we will need to reproduce the vacuum extremizing the scalar potential (2.4) in terms of the scalar matrix

$$M_{MN} = (L L^T)_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{AB,CD} & M_{AB}{}^{CD} \\ M^{AB}{}_{CD} & M^{AB,CD} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.2)$$

expanded in the $\text{SL}(8)$ basis (2.11). Here L is a coset representative for $\text{E}_{7(7)}/\text{SU}(8)$. The $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum is located in an $\text{SO}(4) \subset \text{SO}(6)$ invariant subspace of the scalar manifold, which turns out to be a $\text{GL}(3)/\text{SO}(3)$ sub-coset space generated by [8]

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}}(T_1^1 + T_2^2 + T_3^3 - T_4^4 - T_5^5 - T_8^8), \quad (3.3)$$

$$t_2 = \frac{1}{24\sqrt{2}}(T_1^1 + T_2^2 + T_3^3 + T_4^4 + T_5^5 + T_8^8 - 3T_6^6 - 3T_7^7), \quad (3.4)$$

$$t_3 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{6}}(T_6^6 - T_7^7), \quad (3.5)$$

$$t_4 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{6}}(T_6^7 + T_7^6), \quad t_5 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}T_{1236}, \quad t_6 = -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}T_{1237}. \quad (3.6)$$

We normalize these generators so that $\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{56}}(t_i t_i^T) = 1$ in the fundamental of $\text{E}_{7(7)}$.

Actually only some of the fields associated with these generators acquire a non-trivial value at the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_4 vacuum. We find that the vacuum solution is identified with the coset representative

$$L = \exp\left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\log(3)t_1\right) \exp\left(\pm 4\sqrt{3}t_5 \pm 4\sqrt{3}t_6\right). \quad (3.7)$$

Upon computation of the fermion shifts associated with this extremum of the scalar potential, we explicitly recover the solution of [22] up to an $\text{SU}(8)$ transformation. The \pm signs in the coset representative give different instances of equivalent vacua. We will take both negative in the following. We give the explicit form of the scalar matrix M_{MN} at the vacuum in appendix A.

There are of course flat directions of the solution (3.7) associated with the broken gauge symmetries. The flat direction associated with the broken $\text{SO}(1,1)$ will be relevant in the following. It corresponds to mapping (3.7) into the gauge-equivalent solution

$$L \rightarrow \exp(\xi t_4) L. \quad (3.8)$$

Moreover, there are different instances of this vacuum connected by discrete transformations. Beyond the signs indicated above, also the outer automorphism of the residual $\text{SO}(4)$ that

exchanges its $\text{SO}(3)$ factors generates new instances of this vacuum in field space. These are obtained by the following substitutions in (3.7):

$$t_1 \rightarrow -t_1, \quad t_{5,6} \rightarrow t_{5,6}^T. \quad (3.9)$$

3.2 Uplift formulas from generalized Scherk-Schwarz reduction

The explicit uplift formulas that provide the embedding of the four-dimensional gauging into the IIB theory are straightforwardly obtained by combining the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz (2.9) with the dictionary between the IIB theory and $\text{E}_{7(7)}$ ExFT under the corresponding solution of the section constraint. Here we are interested in the uplift of a special class of four-dimensional solutions, that preserve the AdS_4 isometries. In the four-dimensional theory, other than the external AdS_4 metric, only scalar fields are excited and take constant values. Accordingly, among the ExFT fields (2.7) only external and internal metric $g_{\mu\nu}$, \mathcal{M}_{MN} are non-vanishing. The match of the latter with the IIB fields is found upon breaking $\text{E}_{6(6)}$ under the $\text{GL}(6) \times \text{SL}(2)$ that defines the IIB coordinates (2.6). Explicitly, we denote the decomposition of the 56 internal coordinates as

$$\{Y^M\} \longrightarrow \{\tilde{Y}^m, \tilde{Y}_{m\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{kmn}, \tilde{Y}^{m\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_m\}, \quad (3.10)$$

with $m = 1, \dots, 6$ and $\alpha = 1, 2$ labelling the fundamental representations of $\text{SL}(6)$ and $\text{SL}(2)$, respectively. Accordingly, the matrix \mathcal{M}_{MN} decomposes into blocks

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{m,m'} & \mathcal{M}_m^{m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_{m,m'n'p'} & \mathcal{M}_{m,m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_m^{m'} \\ \mathcal{M}^{m\alpha}_{m'} & \mathcal{M}^{m\alpha,m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}^{m\alpha}_{m'n'p'} & \mathcal{M}^{m\alpha}_{m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}^{m\alpha,m'} \\ \mathcal{M}_{mnp,m'} & \mathcal{M}_{mnp}^{m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_{mnp,m'n'p'} & \mathcal{M}_{mnp,m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_{mnp}^{m'} \\ \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha,m'} & \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha}^{m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha,m'n'p'} & \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha,m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha}^{m'} \\ \mathcal{M}^m_{m'} & \mathcal{M}^{m,m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}^m_{m'n'p'} & \mathcal{M}^m_{m'\beta} & \mathcal{M}^{m,m'} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.11)$$

The explicit form of these blocks is read off from expanding the exponential series (2.8) and (after proper normalisation) gives rise to the following identification of the IIB fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{mn} &= G^{-1/2} G^{mn}, \\ \mathcal{M}^m_{n\alpha} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} G^{-1/2} G^{mk} b_{kn}{}^\beta \varepsilon_{\beta\alpha}, \\ \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha,n\beta} &= \frac{1}{2} G^{-1/2} G_{mn} m_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} G^{-1/2} G^{kl} b_{mk}{}^\gamma b_{nl}{}^\delta \varepsilon_{\alpha\gamma} \varepsilon_{\beta\delta}, \\ \mathcal{M}^p_{lmn} &= -2 G^{-1/2} G^{pk} \left(c_{klmn} - \frac{3}{8} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} b_{k[l}{}^\alpha b_{mn]}{}^\beta \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

For the uplift formulas we need to evaluate the l.h.s. of these expressions via the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz (2.9)

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y) = U_M^M(y) U_N^N(y) M_{MN}(x), \quad (3.13)$$

with the $\text{SL}(8)$ valued twist matrix U from (2.22). In order to reconcile the $\text{GL}(6) \times \text{SL}(2)$ decomposition of (3.11) with the $\text{SL}(8)$ form of the twist matrix, we have to break both groups down to their common $\text{SL}(5) \times \text{SL}(2)$. For the coordinates (3.10) this implies

$$\begin{aligned} \{Y^M\} &\longrightarrow \{\tilde{Y}^m, \tilde{Y}_{m\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{kmn}, \tilde{Y}^{m\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_m\} \\ &\longrightarrow \{\tilde{Y}^i, \tilde{Y}^6, \tilde{Y}_{i\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_{6\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{ijk}, \tilde{Y}^{6ij}, \tilde{Y}^{i\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{6\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_i, \tilde{Y}_6\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

upon splitting $\{m\} \rightarrow \{i, 6\}$. Similarly, for the $\text{SL}(8)$ coordinates (2.11), and in accordance with (2.27), we use the split of $\text{SL}(8)$ indices

$$\{A\} \longrightarrow \{\underline{i}, \underline{a}\}, \quad \text{with} \quad \underline{i} = \{i, 8\}, \quad i = \{1, \dots, 5\}, \quad \underline{a} = \{6, 7\}, \quad (3.15)$$

in order to decompose the $\{Y^{[AB]}, Y_{[AB]}\}$. We may then identify the coordinates (3.14) among the $\text{SL}(8)$ coordinates (2.11) as

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\tilde{Y}^i, \tilde{Y}^6, \tilde{Y}_{i\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_{6\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{ijk}, \tilde{Y}^{6ij}, \tilde{Y}^{i\alpha}, \tilde{Y}^{6\alpha}, \tilde{Y}_i, \tilde{Y}_6\} \\ &= \{Y^{i8}, Y_{67}, Y_{i\underline{a}}, \varepsilon_{\underline{ab}} Y^{\underline{b}8}, \varepsilon^{ijk'l'} Y_{i'l'}, Y^{ij}, Y^{i\underline{a}}, \varepsilon^{\underline{ab}} Y_{\underline{b}8}, Y_{i8}, Y^{67}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

where according to (2.25) we identify $\{\underline{a}\} = \{6, 7\}$ from (3.15) with the $\text{SL}(2)$ doublet indices $\{\alpha\} = \{1, 2\}$.

Let us now make the uplift formulas explicit. Combining (3.12) with (3.13) and the form of the twist matrix (2.22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G^{-1/2} G^{ij} &= \mathcal{M}^{ij} = 2 \mathcal{M}^{i8, j8} \\ &= 2 (U^{-1})_{\underline{kl}}^{i8} (U^{-1})_{\underline{mn}}^{j8} M^{\underline{kl}, \underline{mn}}(x) \\ &= 2 \rho^2 \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}^i \mathcal{K}_{\underline{mn}}^j M^{\underline{kl}, \underline{mn}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

where $M^{\underline{kl}, \underline{mn}}(x)$ refers to part of the lower right block of the $E_{7(7)}$ matrix (3.2), and we have expressed the relevant components of the twist matrix U in terms of the Killing vectors on the round five-sphere

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{mn}}^i &= \hat{G}^{ij} \partial_j \mathcal{Y}_{[\underline{m}} \mathcal{Y}_{\underline{n}]}, \quad \mathcal{Y}_{\underline{m}} \equiv \{y^i, \sqrt{1 - y^i y^i}\}, \\ \hat{G}^{ij} &\equiv \delta^{ij} - y^i y^j. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Similar calculation determines the remaining components of the internal six-dimensional metric, such that together we find

$$\begin{aligned} G^{ij} &= 2 \Delta \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}^i \mathcal{K}_{\underline{mn}}^j M^{\underline{kl}, \underline{mn}}(x), \\ G^{i6} &= 2 \Delta \dot{\rho}^2 \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}^i M^{\underline{kl}}_{\underline{67}}(x), \\ G^{66} &= 2 \Delta \dot{\rho}^4 M_{\underline{67}, \underline{67}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

with $\dot{\rho}$ from (2.24) and the scale factor Δ defined by

$$\Delta \equiv \rho^2 (\det G)^{1/2} . \quad (3.20)$$

While (3.19) represent the uplift formulas for generic solutions of the four-dimensional theory, in the vacuum (3.7) we are interested in lifting, the matrix $M_{MN}(x)$ is constant, and these formulas further reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} G^{ij} &= \begin{cases} (1 + 2r^2) \Delta \delta^{ij} - 3 \Delta y^i y^j & : i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ (3 - 2r^2) \Delta \delta^{ij} - 3 \Delta y^i y^j & : i, j \in \{4, 5, 6\} \\ -\Delta y^i y^j & : i \in \{1, 2, 3\}, j \in \{4, 5, 6\} \end{cases} , \\ G^{i6} &= 0 , \quad G^{66} = (1 - \tilde{y}_6^2) \Delta , \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

with $r^2 \equiv (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 + (y^3)^2$ and

$$\Delta = ((1 + 2r^2)(3 - 2r^2))^{-1/4} . \quad (3.22)$$

In a similar way, we may obtain the uplift formulas for the remaining IIB fields from (3.12). For the two-form, we find that its only non-vanishing components are given by

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ij}{}^\alpha &= 2 G^{1/2} G_{ik} \varepsilon^{ab} \mathcal{M}^{k8}{}_{j\bar{b}} = 4 G^{1/2} G_{ik} \varepsilon^{ab} (U^{-1})_{\underline{kl}}{}^{k8} U_{j\bar{b}}{}^{\underline{mc}} M^{\underline{kl}}{}_{\underline{mc}} \\ &= -2 \Delta G_{ik} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}{}^k \partial_j \mathcal{Y}^{\underline{m}} \varepsilon^{\underline{cd}} A_{\underline{d}}{}^\alpha M^{\underline{kl}}{}_{\underline{mc}} , \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

where as above we identify $\{\underline{a}\} = \{6, 7\}$ from (3.15) with the $\text{SL}(2)$ doublet indices $\{\alpha\} = \{1, 2\}$, and $M^{\underline{kl}}{}_{\underline{mc}}$ is given in (A.2). The $\text{SL}(2)$ matrix $A_{\underline{a}}{}^{\underline{b}}$ is read off as

$$A_{\underline{a}}{}^\alpha \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\rho}^2 & \tilde{y}_6 \\ \tilde{y}_6 & \dot{\rho}^{-2}(1 + \tilde{y}_6^2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1 + \tilde{y}_6^2} & \tilde{y}_6 \\ \tilde{y}_6 & \sqrt{1 + \tilde{y}_6^2} \end{pmatrix} , \quad (3.24)$$

from the (6, 7) block of (2.22), using that $\dot{K} = 1$ in this case.

Next, the IIB dilaton/axion matrix is obtained from (3.12) as

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{3} G (\mathcal{M}^{mn} \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha, n\beta} - 4 \mathcal{M}^n{}_{k\alpha} \mathcal{M}^k{}_{n\beta}) , \quad (3.25)$$

which when put together with (3.13) in our vacuum yields

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{2}{3} \Delta^2 \mathcal{Y}_{\underline{m}} \mathcal{Y}_{\underline{n}} S^{\underline{ma}, \underline{nb}} A_{\underline{a}}{}^{(\alpha'} A_{\underline{b}}{}^{\beta')} \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha'} \varepsilon_{\beta\beta'} , \quad (3.26)$$

with the matrix $A_{\underline{a}}{}^\alpha$ from (3.24) and

$$S^{\underline{ma}, \underline{nb}} = \frac{1}{2} M^{\underline{ma}, \underline{nb}} + \varepsilon^{\underline{ac}} \varepsilon^{\underline{bd}} (M_{\underline{kc}, \underline{ld}} M^{\underline{km}, \underline{ln}} + M^{\underline{km}}{}_{\underline{lc}} M^{\underline{ln}}{}_{\underline{kd}}) . \quad (3.27)$$

With the explicit values (A.1)–(A.6) of M_{MN} in our vacuum this expression reduces to

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-1}MA^{-T})_{\alpha\beta}, \quad M_{\underline{ab}} \equiv \frac{\Delta^2}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3+2r^2 & -4r^2 \\ -4r^2 & 3+2r^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.28)$$

and it comes as a non-trivial consistency check, that with the expression (3.22) for the scale factor Δ , this matrix indeed has determinant 1.

Finally, the expression for the only non-vanishing components of the IIB 4-form follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^i{}_{jkl} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}^{i8,j'k'} \varepsilon_{jklj'k'} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \varepsilon_{jklj'k'} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}{}^i (U^{-1})_{\underline{mn}}{}^{j'k'} M^{\underline{kl},\underline{mn}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Delta} \rho^2 G^{ii'} \hat{C}_{jkl i'} - \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 \hat{\rho}^{-2} \varepsilon_{jklj'k'} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}{}^i \hat{\nabla}^{j'} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{mn}}{}^{k'} M^{\underline{kl},\underline{mn}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

with \hat{C}_{ijkl} defined as giving rise to the S^5 background flux

$$5 \partial_{[i'} \hat{C}_{ijkl]} = \hat{\omega}_{i'ijkl} \equiv \hat{\rho}^{-2} \varepsilon_{i'ijkl}. \quad (3.30)$$

Together, the expression for the IIB 4-form is given as

$$c_{ijkl} = \hat{C}_{ijkl} + \frac{1}{4} \Delta \mathcal{K}_{\underline{kl}}{}^m G_{m[i} \hat{\omega}_{jkl]j'k'} \hat{\nabla}^{j'} \mathcal{K}_{\underline{mn}}{}^{k'} M^{\underline{kl},\underline{mn}}. \quad (3.31)$$

We have thus obtained all the non-vanishing IIB fields as functions of the S^5 Killing vectors and sphere harmonics. Let us note that the expansion (2.8) also carries some components $b_\alpha \equiv \epsilon^{klmnpq} b_{klmnpq\alpha}$ of the dual six-form of the IIB theory which however vanish identically in our vacuum.

3.3 The supersymmetric IIB $\text{AdS}_4 \times M_5 \times S^1$ solution

In this section, we calculate the field strengths and present the IIB solution in its most compact form. The vacuum (3.7) of the four-dimensional theory preserves $\mathcal{N} = 4$ supersymmetry and accordingly a global $\text{SO}(4) = \text{SO}(3) \times \text{SO}(3)$ symmetry that shows up as the internal isometry group of the IIB solution. In order, to make these isometries manifest, we split the S^5 sphere harmonics into

$$\{\mathcal{Y}^{\underline{m}}\} = \{\mathcal{Y}^p, \mathcal{Z}^p \equiv \mathcal{Y}^{p+3}\}, \quad p = 1, 2, 3, \quad \mathcal{Y}^p \mathcal{Y}^p = 1 - \mathcal{Z}^p \mathcal{Z}^p \equiv r^2. \quad (3.32)$$

In terms of these harmonics, the ten-dimensional IIB metric is given by

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \Delta^3 ((3 - 2r^2) \delta^{pq} + 8 \mathcal{Y}^p \mathcal{Y}^q) d\mathcal{Y}^p d\mathcal{Y}^q + \Delta^3 (1 + 2r^2) d\mathcal{Z}^p d\mathcal{Z}^p \\ &\quad + \Delta^{-1} (d\eta d\eta + ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

with the warp factor given by (3.22) as

$$\Delta = ((1 + 2r^2)(3 - 2r^2))^{-1/4}, \quad (3.34)$$

and the AdS_4 radius fixed to $r_{\text{AdS}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Its internal five-dimensional space is a deformation of the round metric on S^5 which preserves an $\text{SO}(3) \times \text{SO}(3) \subset \text{SO}(6)$ of the isometry group. W.r.t. the previous sections, we have also changed coordinates $\tilde{y}_6 = \sinh \eta$ along the S^1 direction. The $\text{SL}(2)$ matrix of IIB supergravity

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\text{Im } \tau} \begin{pmatrix} |\tau|^2 & -\text{Re } \tau \\ -\text{Re } \tau & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau = C_0 + ie^{-\Phi}, \quad (3.35)$$

describing dilaton and axion is given by (3.28) as

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-1}MA^{-T})_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (3.36)$$

as a product of the $\text{SL}(2)$ matrices

$$M_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{\Delta^2}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 + 2r^2 & -4r^2 \\ -4r^2 & 3 + 2r^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & \sinh \eta \\ \sinh \eta & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.37)$$

The three-form field strength is obtained by exterior derivative of (3.23) and takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} H_3{}^{\alpha} &= \frac{(V_- A)^{\alpha}}{1 + 2r^2} \varepsilon_{pqr} d\mathcal{Y}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge \left(\frac{(3 + 2r^2)}{3(1 + 2r^2)} d\mathcal{Y}^r - \mathcal{Y}^r d\eta \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{(V_+ A)^{\alpha}}{3 - 2r^2} \varepsilon_{pqr} d\mathcal{Z}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge \left(\frac{(5 - 2r^2)}{3(3 - 2r^2)} d\mathcal{Z}^r + \mathcal{Z}^r d\eta \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.38)$$

with the matrix A from (3.37) and the vectors

$$V_{\pm}^{\alpha} = \{3^{\pm 1/4}, \pm 3^{\pm 1/4}\}. \quad (3.39)$$

Finally, the selfdual IIB five-form field strength is given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_5 &= dc - \frac{1}{8} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} b^{\alpha} \wedge db^{\beta} \\ &= \frac{\Delta^4}{8(1 - r^2)} \mathcal{Z}^p d\mathcal{Y}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^r \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^r \\ &\quad + 3\Delta^4 \mathcal{Z}^p \mathcal{Y}^{[p} d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^{r]} \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^r \wedge d\eta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{16} \sqrt{|g|} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} dx^{\mu} \wedge dx^{\nu} \wedge dx^{\rho} \wedge dx^{\sigma} \wedge \left(d\eta - \frac{4}{3} \mathcal{Y}^p d\mathcal{Y}^p \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

We have explicitly verified, that this solution satisfies all the field equations of the IIB theory, including the Einstein equations.

3.4 Interpretation, S-folds and supersymmetry

The uplift provided in the previous section is in principle on a warped $S^5 \times \mathbb{R}$ internal space, where \mathbb{R} is the η direction. In fact, $\partial/\partial\eta$ is an isometry of the solution and although the η dependence is present in the fluxes, it only appears through the $\text{SL}(2)$ matrix $A(\eta)$ of (3.37). Indeed, the flat direction (3.8) lifts to constant shifts of η . This means that we can make η periodic, $\eta \simeq \eta + T$, at the price of introducing an $\text{SL}(2)$ monodromy of the fields along the resulting S^1 :

$$\mathfrak{M}_{S^1} = A(\eta)^{-1} A(\eta + T). \quad (3.41)$$

Being $A(\eta)$ an element of a non-compact subgroup of $\text{SL}(2)$, there is no choice of the period T such that $\mathfrak{M}_{S^1} = 1$, which would make the solution globally geometric. Instead, the solution is locally geometric and globally an S-fold.

The periodicity in η is restricted if we require that the resulting monodromy belongs to $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. For instance, to obtain the representatives of the infinite sequence of hyperbolic $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ conjugacy classes (see e.g. [45])

$$\mathfrak{M}(n) = \begin{pmatrix} n & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 3, \quad (3.42)$$

we must set $T = \log \frac{1}{2}(n + \sqrt{n^2 - 4})$ and redefine $A(\eta)$ in all expressions (including the Scherk–Schwarz matrix (2.22)) as follows:⁵

$$A(\eta) \rightarrow A(\eta)g, \quad g \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(n^2-4)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}(n^2-4)^{1/4}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(n^2-4)^{1/4}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.43)$$

This results in the monodromy matching (3.42):

$$\mathfrak{M}_{S^1} \rightarrow g^{-1} \mathfrak{M}_{S^1} g = \mathfrak{M}(n). \quad (3.44)$$

Notice that this redefinition does not affect the embedding tensor resulting from Scherk–Schwarz-reduction. Indeed, the $D = 4$ gauged supergravity obtained upon truncation is blind to the choice of $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ conjugacy class of the monodromy.

Interestingly, the fact that \mathfrak{M}_{S^1} is in the hyperbolic conjugacy class of $\text{SL}(2)$ also means that we can find a global parameterization of the $\text{SL}(2)/\text{SO}(2)$ axio-dilaton coset representatives such that no compensating local $\text{SO}(2)$ transformation on the IIB fermions is induced by the action of \mathfrak{M}_{S^1} . The standard parameterization of $m_{\alpha\beta}$ in (3.35) can be obtained for instance from the $\text{SL}(2)/\text{SO}(2)$ coset representative $\ell(C_0, \Phi)$ as

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (\ell \ell^T)_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \ell(C_0, \Phi) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\Phi/2} & -e^{\Phi/2} C_0 \\ 0 & e^{\Phi/2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.45)$$

⁵Note that g is not unique, it can be redefined by $g \rightarrow \exp(\zeta \log \mathfrak{M}_{S^1})g$ for any ζ . Also note that conjugacy classes with $n < -3$ cannot be obtained from our initial monodromy matrix.

while in order to avoid $\text{SO}(2)$ compensating transformations under \mathfrak{M}_{S^1} we may for instance change parameterization to

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (\ell' \ell'^T)_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \ell \rightarrow \ell' \equiv g^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \ell(\chi_0, \phi), \quad (3.46)$$

where an expression for the axio-dilaton in terms of χ_0, ϕ can be easily constructed. This is still a global choice of coset representative and $\text{SO}(2)$ gauge, and now \mathfrak{M}_{S^1} acts as a shift of the field ϕ without inducing local $\text{SO}(2)$ transformations.

The importance of this observation lies in the fact that under a Scherk-Schwarz reduction of ExFT fermions behave as scalar densities, at least for a certain $\text{SU}(8)$ gauge choice [15]. Hence, their dependence on internal coordinates is entirely encoded in the function ρ of (2.13). This also applies to the uplift of the gauged supergravity residual Killing spinors at the vacuum. Because we can find an $\text{SO}(2)$ gauge such that the S^1 monodromy does not require compensating gauge transformations on the fermions, we can conclude that the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Killing spinors of the AdS_4 solution described above uplift to globally well-defined Killing spinors of Type IIB. This means that the S-fold solution above preserves 16 supercharges which are single-valued and in fact η -independent at least in an appropriate gauge.

As an aside, it is interesting to note that choosing a different $A(\eta)$ taking values in the $\text{SO}(2)$ or \mathbb{R} subgroups of $\text{SL}(2)$ one arrives at an S-fold interpretation of the reduction ansatz (2.22) for the $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(2)) \ltimes T^{12}$ and $(\text{SO}(6) \times \mathbb{R}) \ltimes T^{12}$ gaugings, respectively. The $(\text{SO}(6) \times \mathbb{R}) \ltimes T^{12}$ case has a second interesting interpretation: the \mathbb{R} valued $A(\eta)$ matrix can be interpreted as inducing $F_1 = dC_0$ flux along S^1 , while S^5 is supported by F_5 . If we T -dualize along η , F_1 goes into the Romans mass F_0 and F_5 goes into F_6 filling $S^5 \times S^1$. The reduction ansatz can then be reinterpreted as Type IIA on $S^5 \times S^1$ with F_6 and F_0 flux, where $A(\eta) \in \mathbb{R}$ generates the Romans mass in terms of a linear dependence of C_1 on the winding coordinate $\eta = Y_{67}$ (the physical coordinate would be Y^{68}). This is analogous to [29] and in fact the $A(\eta)$ part of such an ansatz matches one of the non-geometric twist-matrices that generate the Romans mass provided in [28]. One can alternatively implement the Romans mass directly in ten dimensions in terms of a deformation of the exceptional field theory/generalised geometry [28, 30], and use the $\text{CSO}(6, 0, 2)$ Ansatz based on $(\hat{\rho}, \hat{U})$ alone to implement a geometric reduction of massive IIA to $(\text{SO}(6) \times \mathbb{R}) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauged supergravity.

4 Discussion

In this paper we have constructed the twist matrices that define the consistent truncation of $\text{E}_{7(7)}$ exceptional field theory down to the $D = 4$ dyonic gaugings with gauge group

$(\mathrm{SO}(p, q) \times \mathrm{SO}(p', q')) \ltimes N$. The twist matrix satisfies the section constraints so that the corresponding dyonic models can be embedded either in Type IIA ($p + q$ odd) or in Type IIB ($p + q$ even) theories. Using the dictionary between exceptional field theory and IIB supergravity, we have worked out the explicit uplift formulas for the $(\mathrm{SO}(6) \times \mathrm{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauging and given the uplift of the four-dimensional AdS_4 $\mathcal{N} = 4$ vacuum [22] into a supersymmetric $\mathrm{AdS}_4 \times M_5 \times S^1$ S-fold solution of IIB supergravity. The internal space M_5 is a deformation of the round sphere preserving an $\mathrm{SO}(4) \subset \mathrm{SO}(6)$ subset of its isometries.

Before compactification of the η direction, the solution we construct in section 3.3 has the same topology as $\mathrm{AdS}_5 \times S^5$. The parameterization we give is in the form of a warped product $\mathrm{AdS}_4 \times S^2 \times S^2 \times \Sigma$, where Σ is an infinite strip parameterized by η and r . At the boundary of the strip ($r = 0, 1$) one of the two S^2 smoothly shrinks to zero size, reproducing the S^5 topology. Another important observation is that with a constant $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ rotation the axion can be set to vanish, while the dilaton runs along the η and r directions as

$$e^{-\Phi} = \frac{e^{-2\eta}}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{3 - 2r^2}{1 + 2r^2} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (4.1)$$

This strongly suggests that our solution be part of the class of Janus solutions with 16 supercharges of [49, 50]. More specifically, it should correspond to a smooth solution without NS5 or D5 sources. Janus configurations and their relation with interface $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang–Mills have been largely studied in the literature [51, 52, 53, 54]. It would be interesting to understand whether the S-fold compactified AdS_4 solution we find upon imposing periodicity in η is also part of other constructions relating supersymmetric Janus solutions to three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 4$ conformal field theories [55, 56, 57, 58]. In fact, imposing periodicity in η corresponds to compactifying the infinite strip Σ to a finite cylinder, which seems analogous to the construction in [57].

There has also been some recent activity on S-folds in the context of $D = 4$ $\mathcal{N} = 3$ conformal field theories [46, 47, 48]. In those cases a generalization of the O3 orientifold projections is introduced, that acts with a $\mathbb{Z}_k \subset \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ on the Type IIB fields and on the stack of D3 branes defining the CFT ($k = 2, 3, 4, 6$). No dimensional reduction is performed, and the theories obtained from D3 branes on top of such background are either $\mathcal{N} = 4$ or genuinely $\mathcal{N} = 3$. Only the elliptic subgroups of $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ are used in that case, as there must be a fixed value of the complex coupling τ , so that the projection is by a symmetry of the original theory.

A distinguished property of our solution is that it arises from a consistent truncation of Type IIB supergravity to $D = 4$, $(\mathrm{SO}(6) \times \mathrm{SO}(1, 1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauged maximal supergravity. Thanks to the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz (2.9), we have access to the full configuration space of the consistent truncation, which is part of the configuration space of IIB supergravity, also away from the solution with 16 supercharges. In the holographic context this gives

access also on the field theory side to a consistent truncation to a subset of operators. On the gravity side, this can be used to generate other interesting solutions. For instance, other vacua of the gauged supergravity may have $\mathcal{N} < 3$ supersymmetry⁶ and lift to less supersymmetric Janus solutions and their compactifications. All types of solutions of this gauged supergravity (domain walls, black holes, etc.) now also admit a Type IIB embedding. It would thus be very interesting to further clarify the relation of $(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(1,1)) \ltimes T^{12}$ gauged maximal supergravity to Janus solutions with $(\text{SL}(2)$ duality twists), and thus their relation to interface $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang–Mills and $\mathcal{N} = 4$, $D = 3$ conformal field theories.

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Appendix

A The $\mathcal{N} = 4$ vacuum in moduli space

The non-vanishing entries of M_{MN} at the vacuum (3.7) are

$$M_{\underline{ij}\underline{kl}} = M_{\underline{ij}\underline{kl}} = \begin{cases} 3 \delta^{\underline{i}[\underline{k}} \delta^{\underline{l}]\underline{j}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 1, 2, 3 \\ 3 \delta^{\underline{i}[\underline{k}} \delta^{\underline{l}]\underline{j}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 4, 5, 8 \\ \delta^{\underline{i}[\underline{k}} \delta^{\underline{l}]\underline{j}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$M_{\underline{ij}\underline{ka}} = \begin{cases} -3^{-1/4} \epsilon^{\underline{ijk}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k} = 1, 2, 3 \ (\epsilon^{123} = +1) \\ (-)^{\underline{a}+1} 3^{1/4} \epsilon^{\underline{ijk}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k} = 4, 5, 8 \ (\epsilon^{458} = +1) \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$M_{\underline{ia}\underline{ij}} = \begin{cases} -3^{1/4} \epsilon^{\underline{ijk}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k} = 1, 2, 3 \ (\epsilon^{123} = +1) \\ (-)^{\underline{a}+1} 3^{-1/4} \epsilon^{\underline{ijk}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k} = 4, 5, 8 \ (\epsilon^{458} = +1) \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$M_{\underline{ia}\underline{jb}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \delta_{\underline{ij}} \delta_{\underline{ab}} & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 1, 2, 3 \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \delta_{\underline{ij}} (5\delta_{\underline{ab}} - 4\sigma_{1\underline{ab}}) & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 4, 5, 8 \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

⁶Some unstable vacua are known [6].

$$M^{ia\bar{j}b} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \delta^{\underline{i}\underline{j}} (5\delta^{ab} + 4\sigma_1^{ab}) & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 1, 2, 3 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \delta^{\underline{i}\underline{j}} \delta^{ab} & \underline{i}, \underline{j} = 4, 5, 8 \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$M_{\underline{67}\underline{67}} = M^{\underline{67}\underline{67}} = \delta_{6[6}\delta_{7]7} = 1/2 . \quad (\text{A.6})$$

B $E_{7(7)}$ generators

$$[T_A{}^B]_C{}^D = 4\delta_A^C\delta_D^B - \frac{1}{2}\delta_A^B\delta_C^D , \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$[T_A{}^B]_M{}^N = \begin{pmatrix} 2\delta_{[C}^{[E}[T_A{}^B]_{D]}{}^{F]} & \\ & -2\delta_{[E}^{[C}[T_A{}^B]_{F]}{}^{D]} \end{pmatrix} , \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$[T_{ABCD}]_M{}^N = \begin{pmatrix} & \varepsilon_{ABCDEFGH} \\ 4!\delta_{ABCD}^{EFGH} & \end{pmatrix} . \quad (\text{B.3})$$

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